

RAGE FOR STEALING.

Ladies of Standing in Society Victims of Kleptomaniacs.

How Store-Keepers Got Even with So-Called Unconscious Pliflers—The Reasons and Causes of a Peculiar Disease—A Detective's Talk.

"I beg your pardon, madam, this is clinging to the fringes of your wrap." The speaker was the floor-walker in one of the large retail stores of the city, and the person he addressed was a fashionably-dressed lady. He had caught her in the act of secreting a cheap purse under her wrap, and only took this means of letting her know that he had noticed her. The lady blushed, and murmuring something walked to another counter, but all the time she was in the store sharp eyes were watching her. When she secreted some lace in her pocket nothing was said about it, but the amount was added to the bill her husband paid at the end of the month.

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Do Not Eat Too Quickly.

It is a mistake to eat quickly. Masturbation performed in haste must be imperfect even with the best of teeth, and due admixture of salivary secretion with the food can not take place. When a huge mass of inadequately crushed muscular fiber, or undivided solid material of any description, is thrown into the stomach, it acts as a mechanical irritant and sets up a condition in the mucous membrane lining of that organ which greatly impedes, if it does not altogether prevent, the process of digestion. When the practice of eating quickly and filling the stomach with unprepared food is habitual, the digestive organ is rendered incapable of performing its proper functions. Either a much larger quantity of food than would be necessary under natural conditions is required, or the system suffers from lack of nourishment. Just as a man may go on for years with defective teeth, imperfectly masticating his food, and wondering why he suffers from indigestion; so a man may habitually live under an affliction of hurried dinners and endure the consequent loss of health without knowing why he is not well or how easily the cause of his illness might be readily discovered.

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to pay for the articles taken, the lady is asked to step into a private room, and there a female cleric relieves them of the stolen goods. It is seldom that any information concerning the theft is lodged with the police or gets outside the store. The merchant never prosecutes them. To do so would ruin his business. The bill is always settled, and that ends it. A floor-walker told me recently that when the thief of an article is noticed a bill for double the value of the article is made out and all above the selling price of the article goes to the person who detects the theft. In some stores young ladies are employed who are ready detectives, and whose business is simply to watch for pilferers.

"There is a woman here who every Wednesday puts on an old sun-bonnet, and taking a basket goes out beggar for bread. If she can steal a loaf, or an ear of corn, or any trivial thing, she will do so. Yet this woman is far above want in a financial sense. Another recently stole seventy-five yards of silk. Another will pick up buttons and all sorts of insignificant articles. They do this believing themselves unnoticed, and take risks that a professional thief or skilled worker would not think of taking. One has such a penchant for pilfering that she has a companion with her all the time. This companion sees that stolen articles are either returned or paid for. Whenever a new store strikes the 'thief's' all flock to it, but there is generally one or two employed who know these people, and they do not get away with very much before they are caught."

Major Carter, of the Secret Service, relates this instance: "At a country church down South a gourd was used at the fountain. An old lady walked up to the fountain, took a drink, and, in the presence of the entire congregation, secreted the gourd under her shawl and walked back to her seat, fully satisfied that no one had seen her take the gourd. That is the worst case of kleptomania I ever heard of."

Scientific research has yet failed to fully explain the reason and causes of this peculiar disease—for a disease it surely is. It is one of the mysteries of human nature. "Every locality has its full share of kleptomaniacs," said Dr. Earp. "It is not infrequent that some of them receive sentence in police courts, while a large majority of them in the higher walks of society are protected by friends in order to spare the feelings of their relatives, and it is often understood that a settlement will be made for goods purloined. These persons are more often women than men, which is unquestionably due to the peculiarities of the sex, prone to conditions that invite strange demon.

They are not generally known in a community as insane persons, and yet there sometimes seems that tendency. Insane persons have defective power of the will. If it be mental aberration in the same degree causes occur where there is a perversion of morality, intense jealousy, suspicion which may, if not at the time, eventually lead to a disturbance of the intellect. Yet it would be extremely unfortunate if the kleptomaniac was considered irresponsible for all his acts, since it would easily establish a precedent for the protection of the criminal classes.

The morbid disposition which leads the individual to the act of incendiarism is akin to the same category, yet these persons are of a lower social standing and the same clemency is seldom extended to them. These ardent morbid desires which constantly baffle control surely furnish a chain of circumstances that crook steadily in extermination."

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22, 1890.

CATTLE—Native Steers... \$3 70 4 62
COTTON—Middleweight... 2 18 10 10 74
FLOUR—Winter Wheat... 2 18 10 10 74
WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 8 50 8 50 8 50
OATS—Standard... 10 75 10 75 10 75
PORK—Mixed... 10 75 11 25

ST. LOUIS.

COTTON—Middleweight... 10 75 11 25
BEANS—Export... 4 00 4 00 4 00
Shipping... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HOGS—Common to Select... 3 40 3 40 3 40
SHEEP—Common Choice... 4 25 4 25 4 25
FLOUR—Patent... 10 75 10 75 10 75
XXX to Choice... 2 20 2 20 2 20
WHEAT—No. 2 Red Winter... 7 75 7 75 7 75
COFFEE—Brazilian... 10 75 10 75 10 75
OATS—No. 2... 12 25 12 25 12 25
PORK—No. 2... 12 25 12 25 12 25
TOBACCO—Latakia, Mysore... 3 95 3 95 3 95
Leaf, Burley... 6 60 6 60 6 60
HAY—Choice Timothy... 9 90 11 50 11 50
BEEF—Choice Baby... 20 20 20 20
EGGS—Pork... 12 12 12 12
PORK—Standard Mess... 5 50 5 50 5 50
BACON—Cure Rib... 10 75 10 75 10 75
LARD—Pork... 10 75 10 75 10 75
Wool—Choice Tallow... 3 35 3 35 3 35
CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Shipping... 3 00 3 25 3 25
HOGS—Good Choice... 3 70 3 70 3 70
SHIPPED—Wheat... 2 18 10 10 74
FLOUR—Winter Patents... 4 50 4 50 4 50
Spring Patents... 4 40 4 40 4 40
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring... 7 75 7 75 7 75
CORN—No. 2... 10 75 10 75 10 75
OATS—No. 3 White... 10 75 10 75 10 75
PORK—Standard Mess... 10 75 10 75 10 75

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Shipping... 3 00 3 25 3 25
HOGS—Sales at Market... 2 18 10 10 74
WHEAT—No. 2 (hard)... 6 35 6 35 6 35
OATS—No. 2... 10 75 10 75 10 75
CORN—No. 2... 10 75 10 75 10 75

NEW ORLEANS.

CATTLE—High Grade... 3 50 4 60 4 60
CORN—White... 10 75 10 75 10 75
SHEEP—Mixed... 3 00 3 00 3 00
FLOUR—Winter Patents... 4 50 4 50 4 50
Spring Patents... 4 40 4 40 4 40
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring... 7 75 7 75 7 75
CORN—No. 2... 10 75 10 75 10 75
OATS—No. 3 White... 10 75 10 75 10 75
PORK—Standard Mess... 10 75 10 75 10 75

LOUISVILLE.

COTTON—High Grade... 3 50 4 60 4 60
CORN—No. 2 Mixed... 2 18 10 10 74
DAIRY—Milk... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HAY—Choice... 15 00 15 00 15 00
PORK—New Meats... 10 50 10 50 10 50
BACON—Cure Rib... 10 75 10 75 10 75
LARD—Pork... 10 75 10 75 10 75

DETROIT.

COTTON—High Grade... 3 50 4 60 4 60
CORN—No. 2 Mixed... 2 18 10 10 74
DAIRY—Milk... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HAY—Choice... 15 00 15 00 15 00
PORK—New Meats... 10 50 10 50 10 50
BACON—Cure Rib... 10 75 10 75 10 75
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PHILADELPHIA.

COTTON—High Grade... 3 50 4 60 4 60
CORN—No. 2 Mixed... 2 18 10 10 74
DAIRY—Milk... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HAY—Choice... 15 00 15 00 15 00
PORK—New Meats... 10 50 10 50 10 50
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BOSTON.

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DAIRY—Milk... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HAY—Choice... 15 00 15 00 15 00
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ATLANTA.

COTTON—High Grade... 3 50 4 60 4 60
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CHARLOTTE.

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DAIRY—Milk... 3 00 3 00 3 00
HAY—Choice... 15 00 15 00 15 00
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MEMPHIS.

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